

Graduate Medical Education

ON-CALL ACTIVITIES

The objective of on-call activities is to provide residents with continuity of patient care experiences throughout a 24-hour period.

In-house call is defined as those duty hours beyond the normal work day when residents are required to be immediately available in the assigned institution.

- In-house call must occur no more frequently than every third night, averaged over a four-week period.
- Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 36 consecutive hours.
- Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.
- No new patients, as defined in specialty and subspecialty program requirements, may be accepted after 36 hours of continuous duty.
- All call schedules are generated by the chief resident/senior resident in charge
- All changes in the call schedule at any hospital must be authorized by the chief resident/senior resident, the service attending and the program director.
- Senior residents must be readily available at all times for consultation and patient care at night and throughout the year.